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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed November 3, 2004, the Examiner objected to the Specification for the failure to include a reference to a prior application and held that pending claims 64-91 are allowable. Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the findings of allowability. For the reasons set out below, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the Specification.

Specification:

The Specification is amended herewith to include a reference to prior applications. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's objections are moot in light of the amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of the Specification.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowability:

Applicants agree with the Office's conclusion that the allowed claims are patentable, but respectfully do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the reasons for allowance as set forth in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the allowed claims are allowable at least because the prior art does not anticipate, teach, suggest, or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased in the Office Action.

Applicants respectfully submit that the patentability of claims stems from the respective combinations of elements defined by the claims, each viewed as a whole, rather than the presence of any particular elements in those combinations. Applicant relies on the claims, as drafted, without any limitations which may follow from the characterization of the claims in the Examiner's statement.

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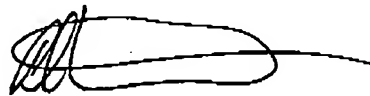
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CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections and allow the pending claims.

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